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CHARLESTON — Eastern Illinois University will host two programs related to John Steinbeck's novel, "The Grapes of Wrath," on Wednesday and Thursday.

English professor Robin Murray will examine Steinbeck's novel in a program titled "The Politics of Drought in 'The Grapes of Wrath.'" Murray will di

America's environmental history and conflicting views of water rights, as demonstrated during the Dust Bowl era. This program will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Witters Conference Room 4440 of Booth Library.

The next day, at 4 p.m. Thursday, the Tarble Arts Center will host a screening of the 1940 film,

"The Grapes of Wrath," starring Henry Fonda. Kit Morice, curator of education at the center, will introduce the film and give background on its cinematographer, Gregg Toland, a Charleston native.

Both programs are free and open to the public.

These programs are presented in conjunction with the exhibit,

"Dust, Drought, and Dreams Gone Dry," which is on display at Booth Library through Feb. 26. The public is invited to view the exhibit any time the library is open. More information about the Dust Bowl exhibit and a complete schedule of events are available at <http://library.eiu.edu/exhibits/dustbowl/>.